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## **COUNTY HEALTH PLAN OFFERS OPEN ENROLLMENT**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Low-income Macomb County residents who meet other eligibility requirements may take advantage of an open enrollment period for the County Health Plan until Jan. 31.

The health plan provides free primary health care services, access to specialists, prescription drug coverage, inpatient hospitalization and diagnostic testing.

Only Macomb County residents who meet the following criteria qualify for enrollment:

- Income of no more than 35 percent of the federal poverty level
- 19 to 64 years old
- U.S. citizens
- People who are not disabled
- People who are not qualified for Medicaid or other medical programs

This version of the County Health Plan is funded solely by the state of Michigan and eligibility requirements are established by the state Family Independence Agency (FIA).

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People meeting the qualifying criteria may apply in person at one of the following FIA office locations:

- 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township, 586-469-7700
- 44600 Delco Blvd., Sterling Heights, 586-254-1500
- 29600 S. Civic Center Blvd., Warren, 586-573-2300

Open enrollment will end Jan. 31; no applications will be approved after that date.

Enrollees in the plan receive this health care coverage free. They are able to select a primary care physician from clinics in Macomb Township, Clinton Township or Rochester Hills.

Enrollees receive continuity of care because they see the same physician every visit. The plan expands the availability of preventive services, which helps recipients maintain their health, and encourages recipients to seek attention during the early stages of illness.

This approach, similar to a health maintenance organization, should result in fewer unnecessary emergency room visits and shorter hospital stays.

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